

HO-495  
Lisbon Historic District  
Lisbon  
Private

circa 1811

The Lisbon Historic District is located on the north and south sides of Route 144, just east of its intersection with Route 94. It includes all those properties which are bounded on the west by Route 94, on the south, by South Alley, on the east by Church Alley and an alley east of HO-492, and on the north by a line north of North Alley, which comprises Harmony Church, HO-248, located on the northeast corner of Madison Street and North Alley. In addition, the Webb House, HO-194, located on the northwest corner of the intersection of Route 144 and Route 94 is also included.

The town was laid out in a grid pattern of some 100 quarter acre lots on the fourth of July, 1811 by Caleb Pancoast. In that same year, work was begun on the National Road to the Ohio River, which brought a great deal of traffic through this little village.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

HO-495  
District 4

MAGI #1404955329

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Lisbon Historic District

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

North and South sides of Route 144 Lisbon, Maryland

CITY, TOWN

Lisbon

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Howard

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

☒ DISTRICT

☐ BUILDING(S)

☐ STRUCTURE

☐ SITE

☐ OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

☐ PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

☐ BOTH

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

☐ IN PROCESS

☐ BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

☒ OCCUPIED

☐ UNOCCUPIED

☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

**ACCESSIBLE**

☐ YES RESTRICTED

☐ YES UNRESTRICTED

☐ NO

**PRESENT USE**

☐ AGRICULTURE

☒ COMMERCIAL

☒ EDUCATIONAL

☐ ENTERTAINMENT

☐ GOVERNMENT

☐ INDUSTRIAL

☐ MILITARY

☐ MUSEUM

☐ PARK

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

☒ RELIGIOUS

☐ SCIENTIFIC

☐ TRANSPORTATION

☐ OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Please see accompanying information

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

on individual sites

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Hall of Records

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Howard County Court House

CITY, TOWN

Ellicott City

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Howard County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

1978-1979

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

21 State Circle, Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

## 7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
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<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE _____

### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Lisbon Historic District is located on the north and south sides of Route 144, just east of its intersection with Route 94. It includes all those properties on the south side of Route 144, bounded by Route 94 on the west, South Alley on the south, Church Alley on the east and Route 144 on the north as well as all those properties on the north side of Route 144, bounded by Route 94 on the west, the alley east of HO-492 on the east, Route 144 on the south and a relatively straight property line north of North Alley which comprises Harmony Church, HO-248, located on the northeast corner of Madison Street and North Alley. In addition, the Webb House, HO-194, located on the northwest corner of the intersection of Route 144 and Route 94 is also included in this district.

This little town was laid out in a grid pattern by Caleb Pancoast on July 4, 1811 into 50 quarter acre front and fifty quarter acre back lots, with alleys lying north-south at every fourth or fifth lot, while a north alley and a south alley bounded the respective north and south back lots.

According to Celia Holland, local historian, who wrote a three part series on Lisbon in June, 1973 in The Times - Ellicott City, entitled "Out of the Past: Lisbon," part of the village which lies east of Madison Street stands on land once a part of Warfields' Forest, patented in 1794 to Seth Warfield. An adjoining tract, known as Dunghill Ground Thicket, patented to James Barnes in 1754 takes up the old Lisbon Hotel and the buildings lying west of Madison Street, as well as those on the south side of Route 144.

Lisbon's buildings and owners were designated on the 1860 Martennet Map and on the more detailed Hopkin's Atlas of 1878, (see attachments 3 and 4). Some thirty-one buildings comprising twenty-five original buildings so designated on these century old maps have been included in this report, and are fully documented and photographed. They range from the very earliest log and brick buildings to the twentieth century Slagle House, HO-485 and present Lisbon Post Office, HO-490. As such, they present a compendium of architectural styles, ranging from the very simple, three bay wide, one room deep, two story high, early log houses, exemplified in the M.E. Parsonage, HO-198, the Joggereit House, HO-231, and the Esworthy House, HO-232, to the early, two story high, one room deep, brick houses, from three to four bays, located on the north side of Route 144, exemplified by the Presbyterian Manse, HO-204, the Old Lisbon Hotel, HO-206, the Lewis Warfield House, HO-227, the Dorsey-John House, HO-228 and the Lisbon Female School, HO-230. The early nineteenth century, two to five bays wide, simple gabled roof (running east-west) frame houses are represented by the Flohr-Barnes House, HO-199, the Misses Warfield House (partly log), HO-233, the Warner House, HO-245, the Powers House, HO-246, the Buckingham House (partly log), HO-247, the Manning Frame House, HO-487 and the Engle House, HO-488.

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The Gothic and Romanesque revival styles in American domestic architecture are also represented in this early nineteenth century town.

These frame buildings feature intersecting central gables, which hold roman arched, attic windows, as exemplified by the Owings House, HO-489, or Gothic arched or Gothic cut, attic windows, as represented by the Whittington House, HO-491 and the Harris House, HO-492, respectively. Both the Mathis House, HO-201 and the Owing's log-brick house, HO-202, tend to be also representative of this development in American architecture. The Mathis House, however, holds a central intersecting gable with only a circular, rather than a Romanesque or, Gothic windows, while the Owings' log-brick house features an off-center, intersecting gable, holding a roman window, as well as a similar east elevation attic window. This latter house has had several additions and stylistic changes, as seen in the addition of a two story high, conical roofed, bay window on the west side of the south elevation of the house, and can truly be called eclectic in character.

The Webb House, HO-194, stands apart, built on a grander scale than the others and located on a larger tract of land. It is included in the historic district for three reasons: 1) it adjoins the district and has been noted on both the 1860 Martennet Map of Lisbon and the 1878 Hopkins Atlas, creating a precedent for such inclusion; 2) it is architecturally significant as the most dominant house in the small town of Lisbon, rivaled only by the Misses Warfield House, HO-233, and the presently dilapidated old Lisbon Hotel, HO-206, as well as a pleasing example of a finely proportioned and well scaled building, and 3) it is historically noteworthy to the town of Lisbon as the home of William A. Webb, who held acreage in the town of Lisbon as well as larger tracts of land in Howard County.

Most notable, however, is the fact that four original public buildings remain in the town, three of which appear on both the 1860 and 1878 maps of the town. They are the general store, now Lee's Market and House, HO-205, Old Harmony Church, HO-248, and the century old I.O.O.F. Building, HO-486, which now houses the Church of the Open Bible. These buildings provided the social fabric of the town and still do so today, with the exception of Harmony Church, which is being restored and preserved for residential use. The fourth building, the Lisbon Methodist Church, HO-244, constructed in 1893, is the most outstanding building in the town of Lisbon, and was created from the efforts of the Reverend James Codden and Daniel Hartsock, as well as Benjamin Barnes, Stephen Hood, George R. Leach, John Bond and others in the town. Surveyed when the National Road from Baltimore to the Ohio river was finally funded in 1811, the village of Lisbon remains today virtually untouched. Twentieth century additions have been made, such as the Martin Slagle House, HO-485, and the Lisbon Post Office, HO-490, but aside from these and an Exxon Station and Garage on the south side of Route 144, the village remains intact, providing an exceptional example of an early nineteenth century Maryland village along the old turnpike.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		(local history)

SPECIFIC DATES 1811 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The early nineteenth century town of Lisbon is significant in the areas of architecture, community planning, religion, transportation and local history.

Architecturally, it presents a compendium of building styles, as outlined in the accompanying description of the town; in the field of community planning, it is representative of a perfect grid pattern; in the field of religion, Caleb Pancoast and his Union Church provided a forerunner to today's ecumenicalism, with several denominations using and sharing one building (for a more thorough discussion on religion, please see the significance statements of HO-244, the Lisbon Methodist Church and HO-248, Harmony Church) and in the field of transportation and local history, Lisbon's existence on the National Road encouraged travelers by its provision of food and lodging, a general store and post office as well as other facilities, such as a wheel wrights shop and blacksmith.

Travel in the turn of the nineteenth century was a dismal affair for those who had settled on the Ohio River and wished to visit their nations capital. Travelers were forced to lodge in little more than hovels, on roads which were primitive to say the least.

Feeling on the subject ran so high, that the Western states thought of setting up their own capital. In recognition of the need for a National Road west, Congress passed an act in March, 1806, which provided for the construction of a Federal interstate highway, initiating the interstate system of Federal highways we have today.

Funds were not forthcoming until 1811, when David Shriver was hired as superintendant of construction at a salary of \$1,800 a year. It was in this year also, that Caleb Pancoast laid out the small Village of Lisbon, speculating that this road would encourage development along its route.

For these reasons, Lisbon, Maryland which retains almost all its original buildings, comprising a compendium of early nineteenth century building styles, should be placed on the National Register of Historic Places, as well as the State of Marylands' Critical Areas Program.

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## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

Please see Attachment 1, Tax Map

### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please see Howard County Land Records, Liber \_\_\_\_\_ Folio \_\_\_\_\_

### LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE Maryland COUNTY Howard

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

Office of Planning & Zoning-Comprehensive Planning Section 465-5000 x257

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

3450 Court House Drive

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Ellicott City

STATE

Maryland

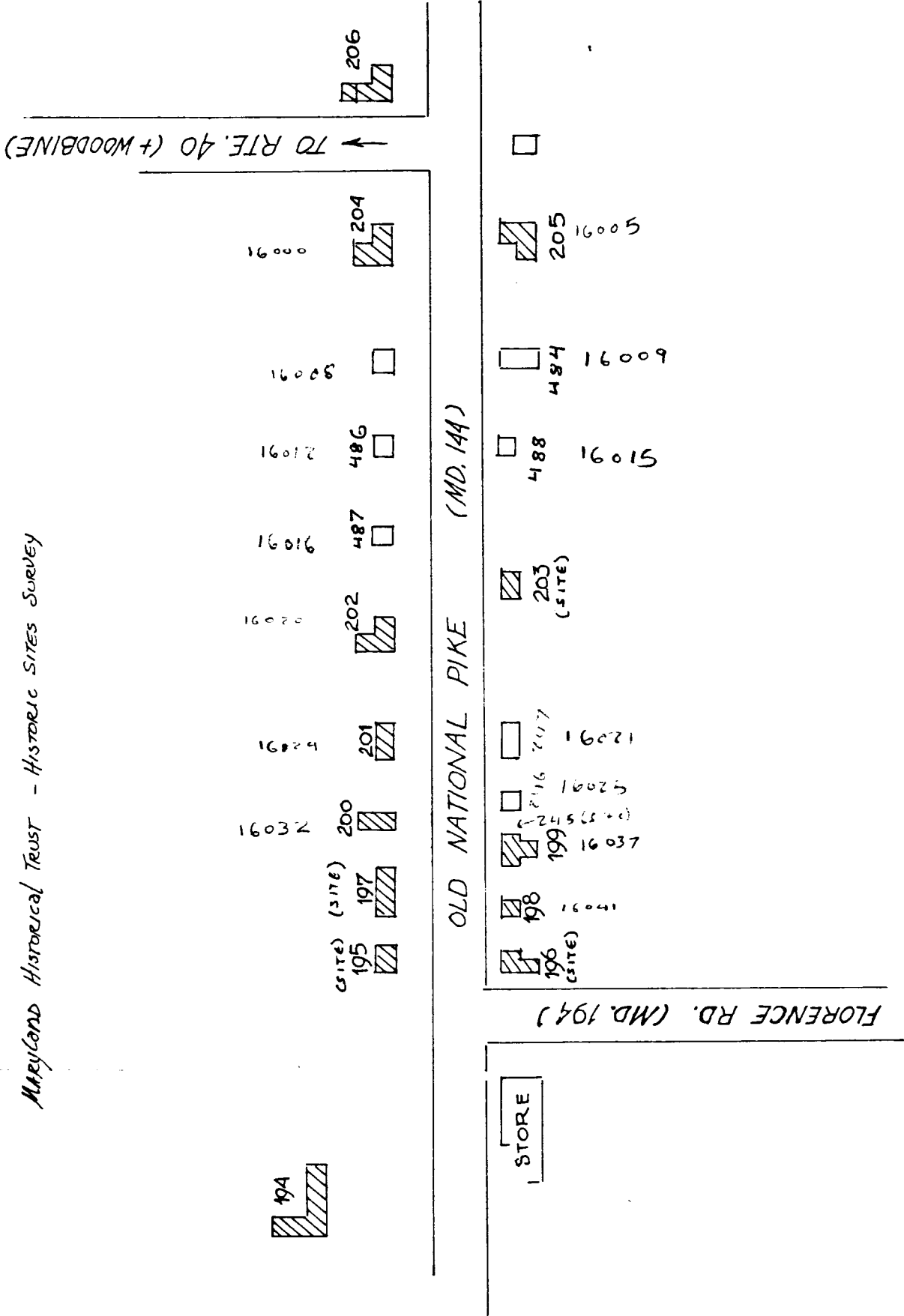
The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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# HO-495 Village of Lisbon, Howard Co., Md.

Maryland Historical Trust - Historic Sites Survey



J.R. Rivoire - Field Surveyor - M.H.T. 3/1991

ROAD AVENUE

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PARADISE

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

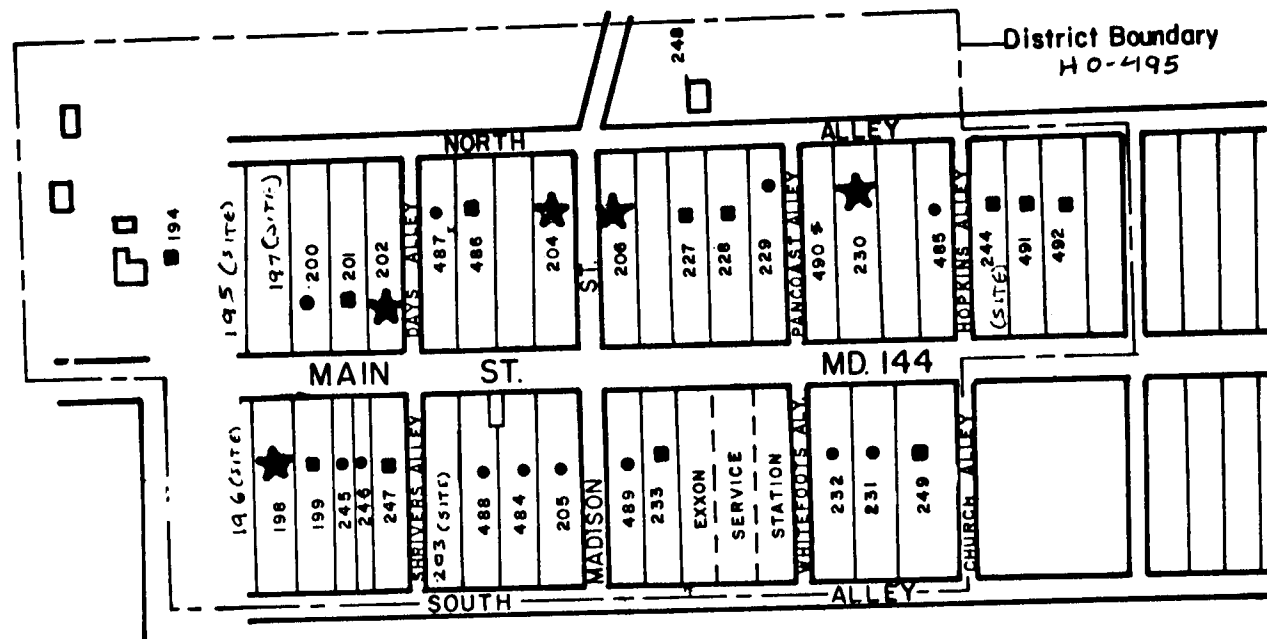
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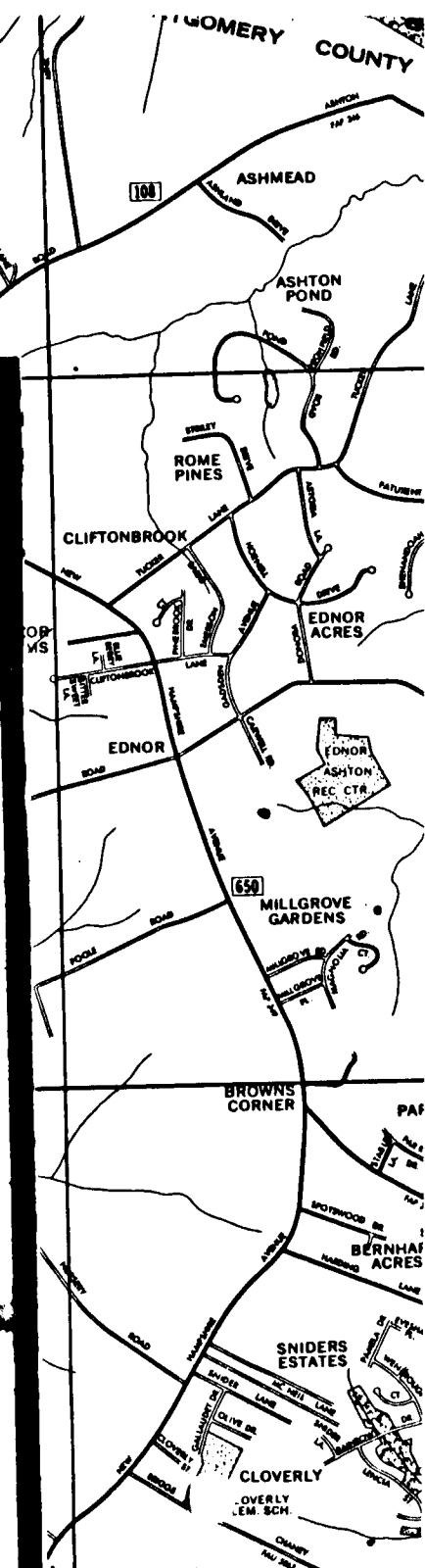
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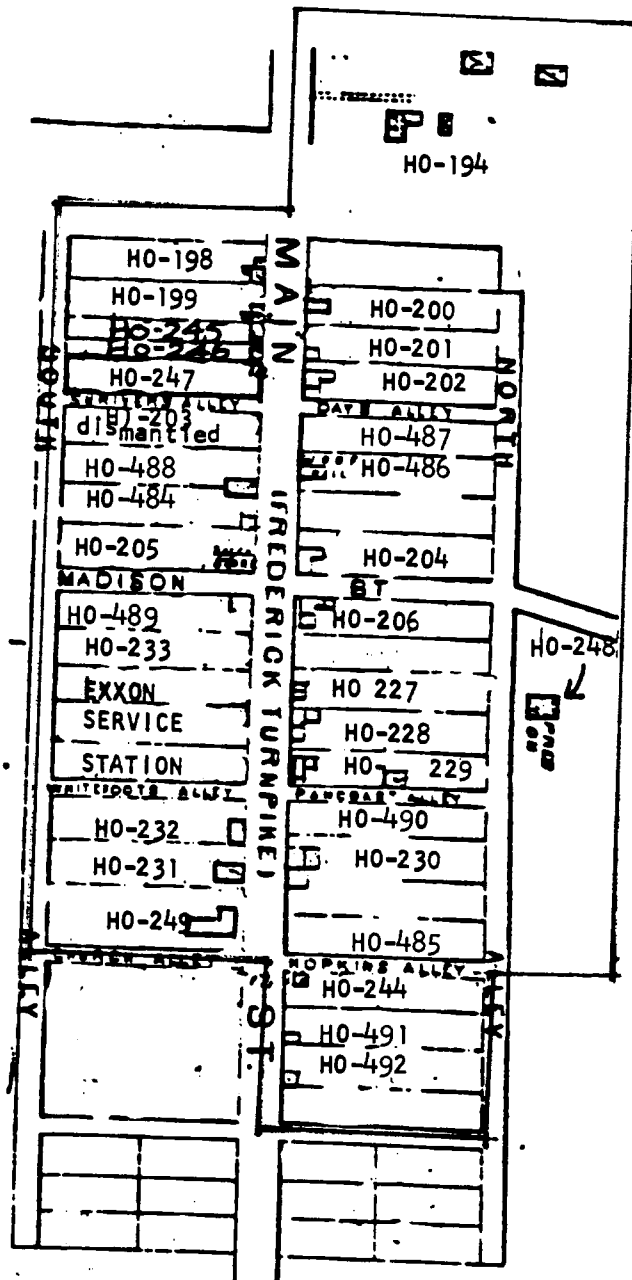


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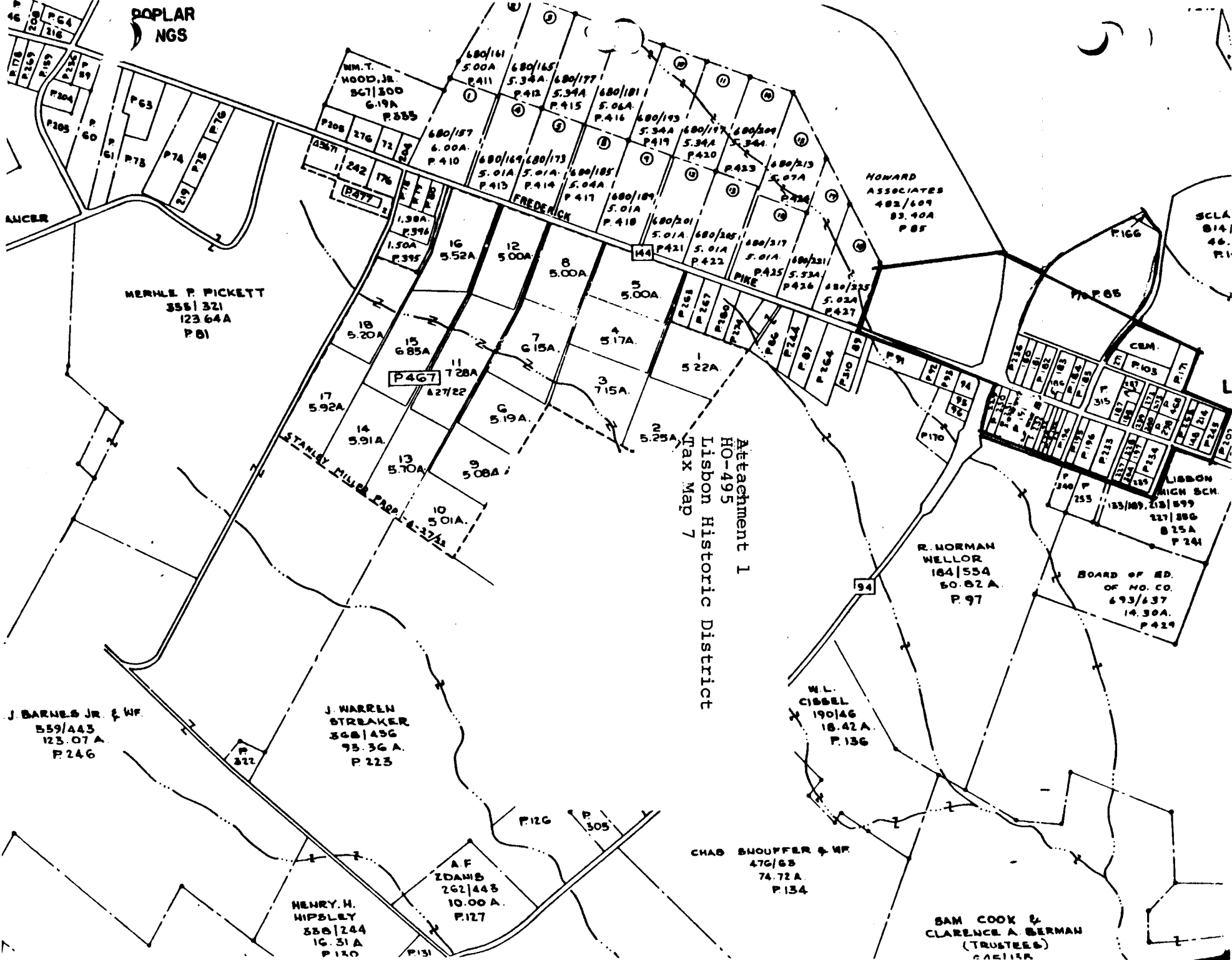
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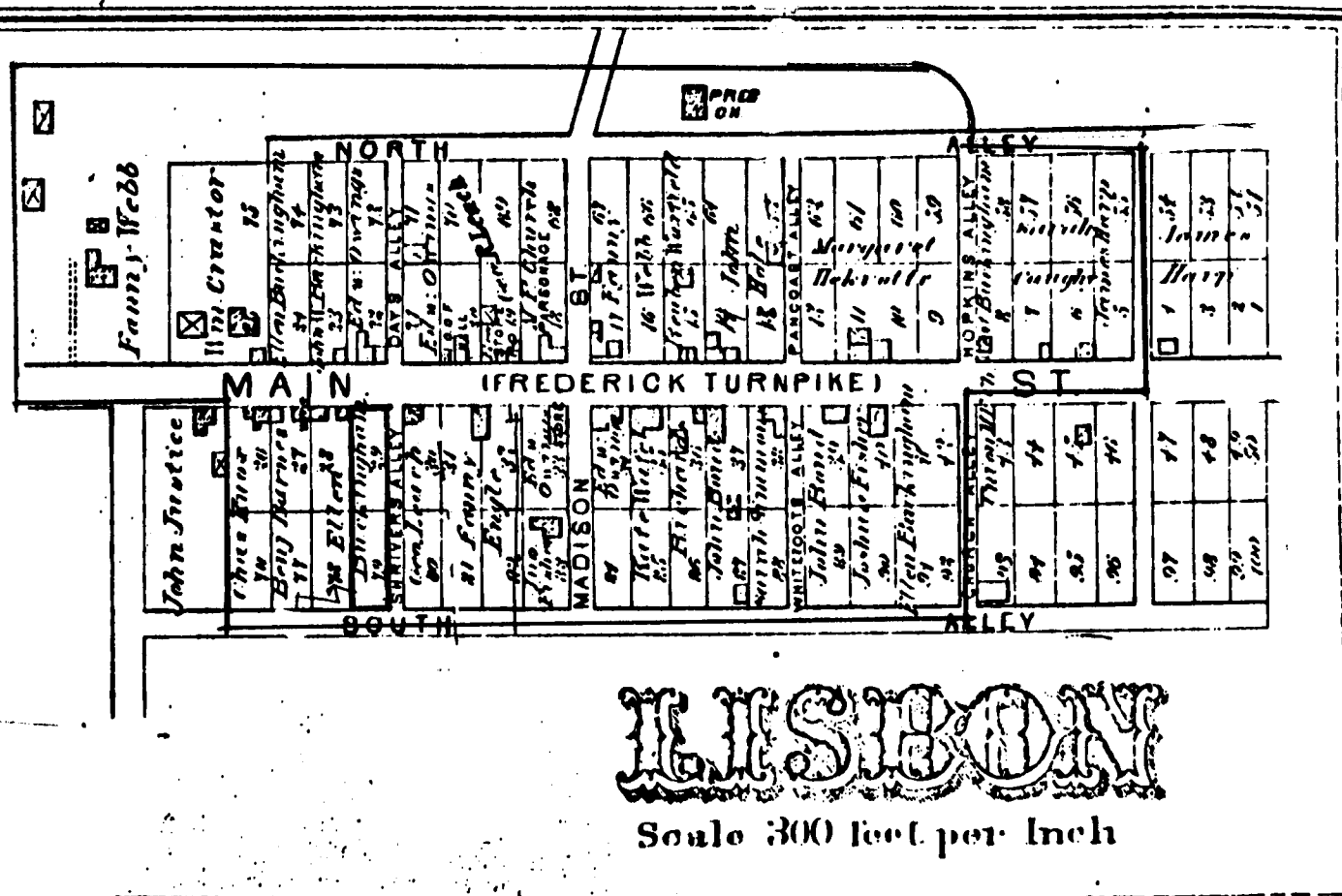
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Attachment 4

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Hopkins Atlas of 1878

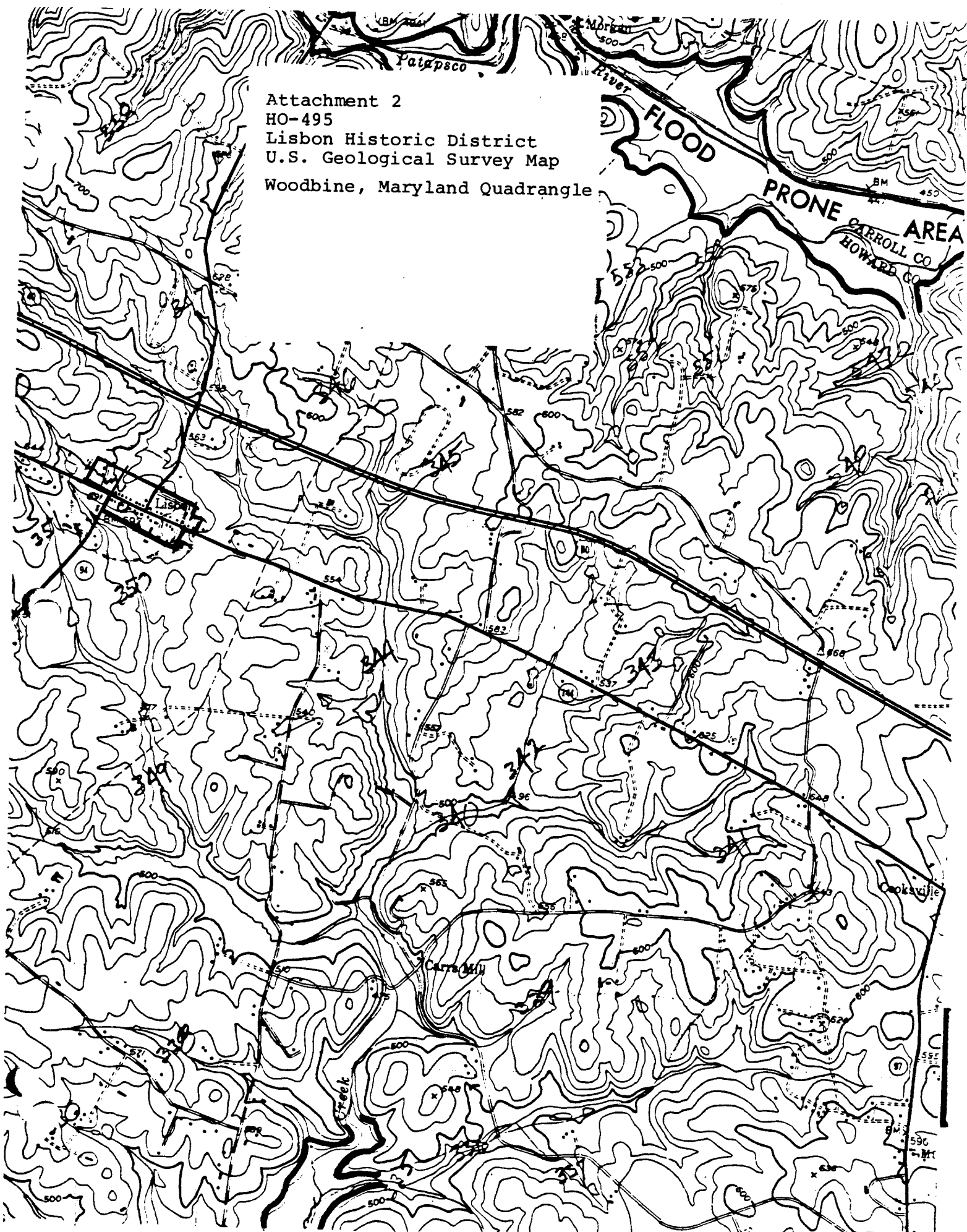
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Attachment 2  
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Lisbon Historic District  
U.S. Geological Survey Map  
Woodbine, Maryland Quadrangle





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View NE of (L-R) HO-200, HO-201, HO-202

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View NE of (L-R) HO-200, HO-201, HO-202



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View of (L-R) HO-202, (over road) HO-205, HO-488,  
HO-247, HO-246, & HO-199

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View of (L-R) HO-200, HO-201, HO-202, (over road) HO-205, HO-488,  
HO-247, HO-246, & HO-199

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(HO-201, 16024 Frederic Road)

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(HO-202, 16020 Frederick Road)

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(HO-198, 16041 Frederick Road)

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